CLAIMS

1 – An audio-visual program editing process, characterized in that it comprises:
- in an iterative manner, a step (200) of editing the combined image comprising:
  - a step (210) of selecting an image source,
  - a step (230) of selecting a part of the selected image and
  - a step (250) of selecting a display format for the said selected image part, in a combined image;
- after the end of the step of editing the combined image, a step (270) of memorizing each image source, each image part and each display format of the combined image and
- a step (280) of displaying the combined image, in the course of which, the display of each image part is automatically refreshed.

2 – An audio-visual program editing process according to claim 1, characterized in that, in the course of the display step (280), for at least one image part, each refresh that changes the appearance of the said image part is signaled (250).

3 – An audio-visual program editing process according to either one of claims 1 or 2, characterized in that it comprises a step (262) of selecting a source of sound signals and, in the course of the step of displaying the combined image, the sound signals coming from the said sound signal source are output.

4 – An audio-visual program editing process according to any one of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that, in the course of at least one step (210) of selecting an image source, an electronic address for a page accessible on a computer network is selected (212).

5 – An audio-visual program editing process according to any one of claims 1 to 4, characterized in that, in the course of at least one step (210) of selecting an image source, a video file is selected (214, 216).

6 – An audio-visual program editing process according to any one of claims 1 to 5, characterized in that, in the course of at least one step of selecting (230) an image part, at least two opposite corners of a rectangle are selected, with a pointing device.

7 – An audio-visual program editing process according to any one of claims 1 to 6, characterized in that, in the course of at least one step of selecting (230) an image part, the content of a code describing a page supplied by the image source is analyzed and the image parts adapted to be selected are extracted and the user selects, with a pointing device, a said image part.

8 – An audio-visual program editing process according to any one of claims 1 to 7, characterized in that, in the course of at least one step of selecting (230) an image part, the said image part is dragged and dropped, with a pointing device.

9 – An audio-visual program editing process according to any one of claims 1 to 8, characterized in that, in the course of at least one step (250) of selecting a display format for a selected image part at least two edges of two image parts are automatically juxtaposed.

10 – An audio-visual program editing process according to any one of claims 1 to 9, characterized in that, in the course of the step (280) of displaying the combined image, for at least one of the image parts, the said image part is displayed only if its content has been altered during a pre-defined preceding length of time (292).

11 – A device for editing audio-visual programs, characterized in that it comprises:

   - means for editing a combined image, adapted to carry out, in an iterative manner:

      - a selection of an image source,

      - a selection of a part of the selected image and

      - a selection of a display format for the said selected image part, in a combined image;

   - memorization means adapted to memorize each image source, each image part and each display format of the combined image and

   - means for displaying the combined image adapted to automatically refresh each image part displayed.

12 – A device for editing audio-visual programs according to claim 11, characterized in that, the means for refreshing is adapted, for at least one image part, to signal each refresh that changes the appearance of the said image part.

13 – A device for editing audio-visual programs according to either one of claims 11 or 12, characterized in that it comprises means for selecting a source of sound signals and the means for displaying the combined image is adapted to output the sound signals coming from the said sound signal source.

14 – A device for editing audio-visual programs according to any one of claims 11 to 13, characterized in that the means for editing the combined image is adapted, for the selection of an image source, to select an electronic address of a page accessible on a computer network.

15 – A device for editing audio-visual programs according to any one of claims 11 to 14, characterized in that the means for editing the combined image is adapted, for the selection of an image source, to select a video file.

16 – A device for editing audio-visual programs according to any one of claims 11 to 15, characterized in that the means for editing the combined image comprises a pointing device and is adapted, for the selection of an image part, to select, with the said pointing device, at least two opposite corners of a rectangle.

17 – A device for editing audio-visual programs according to any one of claims 11 to 16, characterized in that the means for selecting an image part is adapted to analyze the content

of a code describing a page supplied by the image source in order to extract image parts adapted to be selected by the user with a pointing device.

18 – A device for editing audio-visual programs according to any one of claims 11 to 17, characterized in that the means for editing the combined image comprises a pointing device and is adapted, for the selection of an image part, to select, to drag and to drop the said selected image part, with the said pointing device.

19 – A device for editing audio-visual programs according to any one of claims 11 to 18, characterized in that the means for editing the combined image is adapted, for the selection of an image format, to automatically juxtapose at least two sides of two image parts.

20 – A device for editing audio-visual programs according to any one of claims 11 to 19, characterized in that the means for displaying the combined image are adapted, for at least one of the image parts, to display the said image part only if its content has been altered during a pre-defined preceding length of time.